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| For: | METHOD FOR PRODUCING |) | |
| | FINE STRUCTURED MEMBER, | : | |
| | METHOD FOR PRODUCING |) | |
| | FINE HOLLOW STRUCTURED | : | |
| | MEMBER AND METHOD FOR |) | |
| | PRODUCING LIQUID | : | |
| | DISCHARGE HEAD |) | September 25, 2007 |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the cited European Official Communication is also enclosed, together with non-English document JP 2000-326515, which is identified in the foreign Official Communication.

For the concise statement of relevance of non-English document JP 2000-326515, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto. STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that

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